

NEW HIGH SCHOOL FOR PORTSMOUTH

1,800 Children Join in Parade When Corner-Stone Is Laid.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
NORFOLK, January 4.—The cornerstone of the Portsmouth High School was laid this afternoon at 3 o'clock with Masonic rites in the presence of a large crowd. Seaboard Lodge, No. 65, had charge of the services, and was assisted by the Grand Commandery and the officers and members of the other Masonic bodies of the two cities.

The orator of the day was Hon. J. D. Eggleston, Jr., Superintendent of Public Instruction of Virginia, who was the guest of the High School committee of Council, and arrived in the city this morning. His address was timely and full of instruction along educational lines.

A notable feature of the occasion was the parade of 1,800 school children from the public schools of Portsmouth, the autograph of each of whom was placed in the receptacle placed in the stone, along with the names of participants, city officials and newspapers with accounts of the occasion.

The following was the program carried out:

National Anthem—Prof. George McGee and choir.

Invocation—Rev. G. H. Spooner.

Masonic Ceremonies—Seaboard Lodge, No. 65, A. F. and A. M.

Introduction of Orator—Hon. J. D. Eggleston, Jr.

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Masonic Proclamation—Masonic Marshal.

Benediction—Rev. G. H. Spooner.

Corner-stone Committee, School Board—William Chapman, E. R. Brinkley, Jesse M. Overton.

U. S. COURT IN SESSION.

Cases of Alleged Violations of Internal Revenue Laws Are Continued.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ALEXANDRIA, VA., January 4.—The federal court of the United States Circuit Court for the Eastern District of Virginia, Judge Edmund Waddill presiding, convened this afternoon, and a number of cases were taken up and disposed of.

The case of Howard Smoot and Besie Brice, charged with violating the internal revenue laws, were continued until the next term. A writ of inquiry was issued in the case of the Seacoast Lumber Company against William G. Crenshaw.

The case of W. A. Henderson, charged with making false entries on a civil service paper, was continued until the next term of court.

R. H. Dade, colored, pleaded guilty of violating the internal revenue laws and judgment was suspended by the court. The same action was taken in the case of Thomas Dove, who was charged with the same offense.

NOTTINGHAM SLATED.

Conceded That He Will Be Re-elected Colonel of Fourth Regiment.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., January 4.—It is freely conceded among the military leaders of Norfolk and vicinity that Colonel T. J. Nottingham, who recently resigned as colonel of the Fourth Virginia Regiment, will be re-elected on January 15th, when the election to name his successor is held. It is understood that he will accept the command.

The eight companies have been recruited up to the standard required by law. Company F, of Suffolk, it is believed, will shortly be up to the requirements, as the officers are now working to that end.

CHICKEN THEFT KILLED.

Makes Last Raid on Roosts and Is Shot to Death.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., January 4.—An unknown negro burglar was shot and instantly killed early this morning on the premises of Richard Wood, at Money Point. The negro had a string of chickens. Aroused by the intruder, Mr. Wood opened fire, and the second shot brought down the intruder. The verdict of the coroner's jury was justifiable homicide. The body has not been identified. His string of chickens showed that other places had been visited and hen roosts robbed.

SUNDAY WILL BE "BLUE."

Mayor Cutchin Orders That Ronoake Observe All Ordinances.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ROANOKE, VA., January 4.—Mayor Cutchin announced today that he had voted in favor of enforcing ordinances, he would make no exception, and he orders the police to see that every ordinance on the books is enforced, which means that next Sunday will be the "driest" in the history of the city.

Indicted for Murder.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

MARTINSVILLE, VA., January 4.—Charles Odie, who shot his cousin, Tad Odie, in a row near Ridgeway, on Christmas Day, was indicted for murder in the Circuit Court here today. Tad Odie having died about a week ago. The case was continued to the April term of court, and Odie was bailed in the sum of \$1,000 for his appearance at that time.

On Endurance Run.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., January 4.—The cruiser Montana left here today on an endurance run of several days, which will bring her back to Hampton Roads to join the North Carolina after repairs to the latter. Both cruisers will then proceed to Charleston from which point President-Elect Taft will start for Panama.

Brewery Workers Laid Off.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ALEXANDRIA, VA., January 4.—Seventeen employees of the Robert Porter Brewing Company were laid off Saturday night. The local option wave sweeping in the Southern States is supposed to have been responsible for the lay off.

Impossible to be Well

It is impossible to be well, simply impossible, if the bowels are constipated. Waste products, poisonous substances, must be removed from the body at least once each day, or there will be trouble. Ask your doctor about Ayer's Pills, all vegetable. He knows why they act directly on the liver.

Woman's Power Over Man

Woman's most glorious endowment is the power to awaken and hold the pure and honest love of a worthy man. When she loses it and still lives on, no one in the wide world can know the heart agony she endures. The woman who suffers from weakness and is unable to do her special womanly or domestic work loses the power to sway the heart of a man. Her general health suffers and she loses her good looks, her attractiveness, her amiability and her power and prestige as a woman. Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N.Y., with the assistance of his staff of able physicians, has prescribed for and cured many thousands of women. He has devised a successful remedy for women's ailments. It is known as Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It is a positive specific for the weaknesses and disorders peculiar to women. It purifies, regulates, strengthens and restores. Medicine dealers sell it. No first dealer will advise you to accept a substitute in order to make a little larger profit.

IT MAKES WEAK WOMEN STRONG, SICK WOMEN WELL.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and strengthen Stomach, Liver and Bowels.



News of Petersburg

Times-Dispatch Bureau, 102 North Main Street, Petersburg, Va.

The annual meeting of Petersburg Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, was held this afternoon in the hall of A. P. Hill Camp, and much business was transacted. Gratifying reports of the year's work were read by the president, the secretaries and the treasurer. The chapter added six new members to its rolls, and now has an active membership of 163. Its meetings are well attended, and there is no lack of enthusiasm and interest in its good work.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mrs. William L. McGill; Vice-President, Mrs. J. H. Claiborne; Recording Secretary, Miss Annie Mann; Treasurer, Mrs. I. B. Bolling; Registrar, Mrs. M. E. Alexander; Historian, Mrs. James H. McCleary; Corresponding Secretary, Miss Claiborne.

May Chapter voted \$75 to the support of the Home for Confederate Women, in Richmond. This is an annual donation, making \$125 to be given each year to the home from Petersburg, the Sons of Confederate Veterans giving the other \$50. The chapter raised \$25 during the past year for all purposes.

Good Roads in Dinwiddie.

The people of Dinwiddie county will vote on February 3d on the question of the issue of bonds to the amount of \$100,000 for the improvement of its main public roads. So much interest has been aroused in the matter, and the proposition has met with so much favor, that it is confidently predicted that the bond issue will be authorized by a considerable majority.

It is proposed to improve the balance of the Cox Road, the Plank Road, the Halifax Stage and other main roadways, the whole covering a distance of about 102 miles, and requiring a period of six years or more to complete. Some seven miles of the Cox Road running out from this city has already been graded and partially improved, and the work is still in progress. It has served as an object lesson to the people of the county, and aroused their enthusiasm in favor of a general improvement of the roads.

News in General.

Anasias Combs, colored, employed by Erasmus Thwait, a colored fish dealer of this city, dropped dead Saturday night at his stand in the Centre Market while stringing a bunch of fish for a customer. Heart disease is supposed to have been the cause of death, which was very sudden.

In all of the churches in this city yesterday offerings were made for the sufferers by the Italian earthquake. In some of the churches the offerings have been very liberal, and while all have not yet reported, it is believed the aggregate will reach \$500.

John Allen, a negro, led in quite an exciting chase in the lower part of the city this morning. He being the object of the chase, he fled to a store for which he failed to pay, and leaving with the goods he was pursued. He fled through the streets into the Norfolk and Western yards, and the same time dodged around among the freight cars. He finally took refuge in a commissary car, where he was arrested by Officer Wingfield.

George Jones, a negro, was arrested by Detective Heelan this morning on suspicion of having stolen a pair of shoes from the property of Mr. J. H. Bridgforth, by whom he was employed. The ring has not been recovered.

The Board of Supervisors of Dinwiddie county met at the courthouse today to receive the report of the county treasurer and transact other business. The residence of the late E. C. Venable at the corner of Wythe and Adams Streets, has been purchased by Mrs. Mattie Watson Rogers for \$3,000.

The home of Samuel Jones, colored, in Sussex county, was destroyed by fire several days ago, with most of the furniture.

Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company, and his loss is quite heavy.

Bureau Lodge, Knights of Pythias, installed its newly elected officers to-day; had work in the degrees, and afterwards enjoyed the annual banquet.

Resignation of a Pastor.

Rev. C. B. Richards, for the past six years pastor of the Washington Street Christian Church, in this city, at the morning service yesterday tendered his resignation, to take effect March 1st. Mr. Richards has several calls under consideration, but he has not decided as to his future plans. During his ministry his congregation has grown much stronger, and has erected a handsome church. It has been known for some time that Mr. Richards was contemplating resignation of his pastoral charge here, and it did not come as a surprise.

Charles H. Hall Davis, president of the Petersburg Chamber of Commerce, has received an invitation from the Chamber of Commerce of Atlanta, Ga., to attend the banquet to be given by that body in Atlanta on January 15th, in honor of President-Elect Taft, and it is probable that he will accept. Representatives from the several States will be present at this banquet, and the recognition of the Petersburg chamber in this respect is received as a compliment.

Master Forrest Alkon, son of Mr. William Alkon, was accidentally shot and injured this afternoon at the home of his friend on Grove Avenue. The gun he was handling was accidentally discharged, and the shot entered his leg near the ankle. He was taken to the hospital.

Colonel Henry C. Roper, who suffered a severe stroke of paralysis some time ago, is very slowly improving. He is still at the hospital.

The celebration on Wednesday evening by the Young Men's Club of High Street.

versary of their organization will be a pleasant event. The class was organized with twenty members, and it now has three times as many. Rev. J. K. Joffitt will deliver the address.

IMPORTANT MEETINGS.

Plans Being Laid Which Mean Much to Burkeville's Business Life.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BURKEVILLE, VA., January 4.—One of the most important meetings since the time when Burkeville expected to get the Norfolk and Western Railroad shops, which made the neighboring town of Crewe, was held here this afternoon by the board of directors and the stockholders of the Burkeville Wire Corporation. The result of this meeting, which will be continued tomorrow, may entirely change the aspect of this town and decide if Burkeville's boom is to continue at a pace much greater than during the last two years. Those present were Mr. Chas. Newman, of the C. Newman Wire Co., New York; Mr. J. H. Burdette, of Burkeville Wire Corporation; Mr. Jas. Hawson, of Philadelphia, Pa., first vice-president of the company; second vice-president, Mr. Leonard M. Walstein, of New York; secretary, and a number of other stockholders.

A conference was held with influential citizens of this town and Crewe this afternoon, who are believed will give their support to the enterprise. If the contemplated changes are made, the forking force in the factory will in all probability be increased to four times the present number inside of six months.

COURT CONVENES.

Decree of Divorce Handed Down in Burroughs Case.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ALEXANDRIA, VA., January 4.—The January term of the Circuit Court for this city, Judge J. B. T. Thornton presiding, convened this morning. A decree for divorce on the ground of desertion was given in the case of Nettie C. Burroughs against James H. Burroughs.

In the chancery suit of Ernest G. Chevington against Clara Mahood Chevington and others, a final decree was entered for sale of property, and C. L. Simms and L. H. Machin were appointed commissioners of sale.

Messrs. G. L. Booth and J. R. Caton were named by the court as commissioners of sale in the suit of Bessie Bowler against Annie E. Crawford.

In the Corporation Court this morning William B. Smoot qualified as administrator of the estate of the late Henry Smoot. The estate is valued at \$100,000. The administrator gave bond in the sum of \$10,000. Mr. Smoot died without having made a will.

Going to Inauguration.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., January 4.—Virginia will be well represented at the inauguration of President-Elect Taft, by both military and civic organizations. It was officially announced at brigade headquarters that the First and Second Regiments of State Infantry, the Norfolk Light Artillery Blues and the Coast Artillery will participate in the inaugural parade. The Fourth Regiment also may attend.

Suit for Damages.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ALEXANDRIA, VA., January 4.—In the Circuit Court here today a damages suit of John H. Trimyer against Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Electric Railway Company will be called for trial. The object of the suit is to recover damages in the sum of \$5,000 for injuries alleged to have been sustained in an accident on the defendant company's road February 27th last.

Saloon Is Robbed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

ALEXANDRIA, VA., January 4.—Thieves, between midnight Saturday and daybreak this morning, robbed the saloon of Welderman & Co. of \$50 worth of bottled liquors.

Fund for Sufferers Growing.

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NORFOLK, VA., January 4.—As a result of the fund-raising meetings held yesterday under the auspices of the Italian sufferers in Sicily will be inaugurated, and it is believed that the people of Norfolk and vicinity will respond liberally. During to-day the fund has steadily increased. It is believed \$5,000 will be raised.

Reward Is Offered.

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HARRISONBURG, VA., January 4.—At the regular meeting of the county supervisors, held here today, a reward of \$100 was offered for the arrest and conviction of the murderers of Benjamin F. Whitmore, the Bridgewater young man who was found dead in the Southern Railway yards in this place on the night of December 12th. It is expected that the town will offer a similar reward to-morrow night.

Bear Is Killed.

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WINCHESTER, VA., January 4.—A ferocious black bear, which has been terrorizing people in the vicinity of Wardsville, Hampshire county, W. Va., was cornered Sunday and shot by George and Edward Wilson just as the beast was about to grab the former. The bear weighed 293 pounds.

Delinquent Property Sold.

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Week of Prayer.

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ALEXANDRIA, VA., January 4.—A week of prayer services was opened to-night at Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, with an address by Rev. W. E. Watson, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

FARMER FOUND IN DANGEROUS CONDITION

He Had Been Shot from Ambush and Murderer Makes Escape.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
DANVILLE, N. C., January 4.—Chas. Brown, a widely known farmer of near Selma, N. C., was shot and killed last night near his home, supposedly from ambush by a party lying in wait for him. Brown was found by neighbors in a dying condition. His assailant escaped, and only footprints were placed on the trail. No motive for the shooting is known, though there are rumors that there is a woman in the case. The dead man was between thirty-five and forty years of age, and leaves a widow and several children.

TRIBUTE TO MR. NELSON.

Chapel Is Dedicated and Now Bears His Name.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

CHARLOTTESVILLE, VA., January 4.—A few days ago a small house of worship, near Stony Creek, in Albemarle county, Va., was dedicated and named Nelson Chapel, in honor of the late Mr. Philip W. Nelson, an able and wise, the latter of whom still lives. The gratitude of the people of the community took this graceful form of expression in recognition of the Christian character of Mr. Nelson and his wife, and especially in recognition of the work they did in securing the lot of ground and in building thereupon the house of worship, which is used in common by the members of the various denominations living in the neighborhood.

Mr. Nelson came from Clarke county, Va., to the University of Virginia in the year 1852, and was a student at that institution three sessions. During the Civil War he was a member of Stonewall Jackson's famous command, and held the rank of lieutenant. After the war he became a prominent citizen of Albemarle, in which county he was superintendent of schools for a number of years. He was an organizer of the Grange, and was a member of the Camp of Confederate Veterans, at Stony Point, and was at the time of his death the Sunday school superintendent at the chapel that has just been given his name.

Mr. Nelson's wife was a Miss McGuire, and is at present spending some time with relatives in Richmond.

BURNED TO DEATH.

William Wells Falls in Fire During Epileptic Attack.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

MARTINSVILLE, VA., January 4.—William Wells, a young man about thirty-five years old, had an attack of epilepsy at his home, near Ridge-way, this county, Saturday night, fell in the fire and was so badly burned that he died yesterday. Wells was well known in Martinsville. He leaves two children. The funeral took place to-day.

Anniversary of Pastorate.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

FREDERICKSBURG, VA., January 4.—Sunday was the fifth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. R. Aubrey Williams, of the Baptist Church. Mr. Williams referred to his work here and gave figures showing the membership of the church which took charge to-day. The roll now numbers 731. The Sunday-school is equally large. Rev. Dr. Thomas S. Dunaway, now advanced in years, who was pastor of that church for thirty-three years, was present and presided at the communion service. Dr. Dunaway stated that for twenty years he has presided at a similar service at the church, and that he was the only one present who was there on that occasion, although nine others besides himself are now living.

Comes to Richmond.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

BUCKINGHAM, VA., January 4.—Dr. F. B. Nowlin leaves here today for Richmond where he goes to practice his profession. Dr. Nowlin has recently taken a post-graduate course at Harvard University in Philadelphia, the better to prepare himself for his chosen line.

Druggist Is Arrested.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., January 4.—Z. P. Walker, of Berkley Ward, was arrested to-day on the charge of violating the pharmaceutical laws of the State, in that he was practicing pharmacy without a registered pharmacist in the store, and the second charge is selling creosote without labeling it as "poison." The hearing of the case is scheduled for the 12th. The arrest was at the instance of E. L. Brandes, of the State Pharmacy Board.

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LIVELY CONTEST FOR SPEAKERSHIP

Each of the Three Candidates Expresses Confidence in His Election.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
RALPHIGH, N. C., January 4.—Incoming trainings have brought in candidates innumerable for offices and clerkships in the General Assembly. They and their friends are working hard as they can on the lawnmowers as they arrive. The greater number of legislators are to come in to-morrow and the final contest for positions comes in the caucus of Democratic members to-morrow night.

In the speakership contest each of the three candidates expresses confidence. R. H. Hayes, of Chatham, first on the scene, says he is absolutely certain of winning. W. C. Dowd, of Charlotte, another strong candidate, reached here this evening, and manifests equal confidence in his own prospects. A. W. Graham, of Granville, the third candidate, has also reached here, and says he is well satisfied with the situation.

A Still "In the Air."

Such members as the R. A. Doughton, of Albemarle, will have great influence in the election even as to his preference. The same is true of a number of the other more prominent members. It is like the whole contest will be "in the air" until the caucus passes on the contest.

Mr. Newkirk has no opposition for the Senate clerkship, and Editor T. G. Cobb, of Morganton, is regarded as sure of getting the House clerkship. For doorkeeper of the House, J. C. Kerr, of Caswell, is opposing J. C. Lisk, who is seeking re-election. George L. Kirkpatrick, of Kinston, is also a strong candidate.

Indications are that R. M. Phillips will be reading clerk in the House, and R. L. Ballew, of Ash, in the Senate.

On the Democratic side of the House of Representatives this session are such old and recognized leaders as R. A. Doughton, of Albemarle; W. C. Dowd, of Charlotte; R. H. Hayes, of Chatham; A. W. Graham, Granville; George L. Morton, Wilmington; Harry Stubbs, Williamson; A. P. Kitchin, and others, while on the Republican side, which comprises a voting strength of thirty, there are A. T. Grant, Jr., of Davie county; M. N. Harshaw, of Caldwell; C. Ed Taylor, Brunswick; F. B. Britt, Buncombe; ex-Judge H. R. Starbuck, Forsyth; T. E. McRary, Lexington, and others, who the Republicans are confident will make it interesting for the dominant party.

In the Senate.

In the Senate there will be, on the Democratic side, such leaders as J. S. Manning, Durham; Colonel Paul B. Means, Concord; Whitehead Klutz, Salisbury; R. L. Doughton, Alleghany; J. A. Long, Person county; E. L. Travis, Halifax, and others; and opposing these, on the Republican side, will be such men as ex-Judge H. R. Starbuck, Forsyth; J. J. Britt, Buncombe; John M. Reynolds, and others. The voting strength of the Republicans in the Senate is eleven.

BOARD WILL MEET.

It Will Receive Reports and Formulate Recommendations to Legislature.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

RALPHIGH, N. C., January 4.—The State Geological Board will meet here in semi-annual session to-morrow, receive the reports from the State Fish Commissioner and other officials under the board, and formulate recommendations to the General Assembly. Theo. McKinnis, State Fish Commissioner, has reported that he has submitted his report and recommendations. He says the year has been a very satisfactory one in his department, and that he is not making any recommendations for material change in the present fish laws as they affect his department.

The geological board is composed of Governor Glenn, ex-officio chairman; Frank Wood, Edenton; Hugh MacRae, Wilmington; H. G. Hewitt, Asheville; and H. E. Fries, Winston-Salem.

Justice Lands Position.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

RALPHIGH, N. C., January 4.—The announcement made by M. E. Shipman, labor and printing commissioner-elect, has selected as assistant commissioner, George B. Justice, of Charlotte. Mr. Justice is a son of Rev. T. B. Justice, of Franklin, and a nephew of Judge David H. Justice, of Raleigh. He is a man of the Greensboro Telegram, Charlotte News, Charlotte Observer, Mutual Publishing Company, Edwards & Broughton, E. M. Uzel and others.

An Overdose of Laudanum.

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